Tries Again Today

Kelowna Rink Blows Chance

Thelma Owen of Kelowna gets a second chance to win the B.C. ladies' curling championship today.

Mrs. Owen made a mighty effort but just fell short last night when she dropped a closely-contested 9-8 decision to Marg Tegart of Salmon Arm.

The defeat was the Kelowna rink's first in five games. A victory would have given them the B.C. title.

But now they go into this morning's final draw tied with Mrs. Tegart for first place. Each rink has a 4-1 record, and if they both win, a playoff will be held this afternoon to decide the championship.

WON TWICE

Ina Hansen of Kimberley could make it a three-way tie for first place if she wins and both the Kelowna and Salmon Arm rinks lose. Mrs. Hansen won twice yesterday to finish the day with a 3-2 record.

Both rinks came up with a fine display of shotmaking in the early part of the crucial Owen-Tegart game last night, but the Kelowna rink, playing its second game of the day, faltered briefly and Mrs. Tegart built up a 9-5 lead.

Mrs. Owen came back to within a point of forcing a tie on the tenth end, and even then Mrs. Tegart had to make a difficult takeout shot with her last rock to take the victory and keep her title hopes alive.

BROKEN OPEN

Leading 6-5, the Salmon Arm rink broke the game open by counting three on the eighth end. Mrs. Tegart made a fine takeout with her last rock and then came back with a clutch shot for a double takeout on the ninth end when Kelowna had a good chance for a four-ender.

Mrs. Owen earlier won her fourth straight game by edging Kay Wright's Port Alberni quartet, 12-10, in a game that was much closer than had been expected.

Mrs. Hansen had a bye in the morning draw and was playing her first game of the day when she spoiled the Kelowna rink's bid for the championship.

Mrs. Hansen, who handed Mrs. Tegart her only defeat, bested Joy McLellan's Vancouver rink, 14-7, yesterday morning and then turned back Theo Young of New Westminster, 10-4, in the evening draw.

Officers of the British Columbia Ladies' Curling Association elected at the annual meeting yesterday are Mrs. Lillian Henschke, president; Mrs. F. M. Brennen, vice-president; Mrs. M. Watson, secretary; Miss Nell Usher, treasurer, and Mrs. Betty Wills, immediate past president.

The meeting also decided that the Kootenays will be divided into two zones next year with zone champions entering the final from East and West Kootenay zones.

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Standings, Results

	W	L
Thelma Owen, Kelowna	4	1
Marg Tegart, Salmon Arm	4	1
Ina Hansen, Kimberley	3	2
Joy McLellan, Vancouver	2	3
Irene Fraser, Vancouver	2	3
Kay Wright, Port Alberni	2	3
Theo Young, New Westminster	1	3

TODAY'S DRAW

10 a.m. — Mrs. Hansen vs. Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Owen vs. Miss Fraser, Miss McLellan vs. Mrs. Tegart.

FIFTH DRAW

McLellan	102	101	002	x—7
Hansen	040	040	330	x—14
Young	001	210	201	3—10
Fraser	210	003	010	0—7
Wright	210	100	140	1—10
Owen	004	034	001	0—12

SIXTH DRAW

Owen	030	100	102	1—8
Tegart	103	011	030	0—9
Hansen	110	400	103	x—10
Young	000	011	020	x—4
McLellan	021	011	010	1—7
Wright	100	400	302	0—10

Baseball, Latin-Style

Umpire Ruben Sanchez is chased by policeman in ninth-inning rhubarb, one of several in Caribbean baseball series between Cuba and Venezuela at Caracas. Cuba won fourth straight year, 8-2, and irate fans stormed onto field to chase Cuban players, and everybody else in sight. —(AP Photofax)

Cougars in Third With 5-1 Triumph

Victoria Cougars, bidding a hearty welcome to New Westminster goalie Ron Senior, trounced the Royals, 5-1, last night to move into third place in the western division of the Western Hockey League.

The win moved the Cougars one point ahead of the idle Spokane Spokes and within five of the second-place Vancouver Canucks.

In last night's only other game, Sid Finney scored on a power play with 14 seconds gone in overtime to give Calgary Stampeders a 5-4 win over the Totems at Seattle.

Senior, the fourth goalie used by the desperate Royals this season, got a rugged reception from the Cougars, who did much to strengthen their hopes of a playoff spot. They now lead the Royals by 12 points, and the Royals have 16 games left to play.

COUGAR EXPLOSION

Senior played a sound game until midway in the second period, when the Cougars exploded for four goals on their way to snapping a three-game losing streak.

Don Blackburn started it off at 9.44, and Doug Anderson scored unassisted at 11.37 and again at 15.05. Gordie Haworth made it 4-0 at 14.44, and Al Nicholson got the Cougar's final goal in the third period.

Royals put the pressure on Pelletier, and spoiled his shutout attempt with just 55 seconds remaining in the game. Ron Matthews beat him on a pass play with Gordie Fashoway.

BLACKBURN HURT

Blackburn, the rookie forward who has been improving steadily in recent games, was injured in the third period when he was hit in the mouth by a stick. Extent of his injuries was not known.

At Seattle, Guyle Fielder scored once to gain a point on Calgary's Eddie Dorohoy in the league scoring race. Dorohoy went pointless, and now leads Fielder by only three.

Val Fonteyne, Tom McVie and Jim Powers got the other Seattle goals.

Finney and Lou Jankowski each scored twice for Stamps, with Billy Hay getting the other goal.

DOROHOY POINTLESS

Dorohoy may have gone pointless, but the renowned Pistol tongue was in great form. He drew a misconduct and game misconduct in the second period. Finney drew a misconduct at the same time.

Fonteyne and Fielder put the Totems ahead, 2-0, in the first period. Finney and Hay scored for the Stamps in the second, and the clubs split four goals in the third.

VICTORIA 5, ROYALS 1

Victoria — Goal: Pelletier; defence: McLeod, Kaiser, Hay, Harris; forwards: Ford, Lea, Anderson, Blackburn, Haworth, Sclisizzi, Macauley, Nicholson, Wilson.

New Westminister — Goal: Senior; defence: Creighton, Matthews, Collins; forwards: McNab, Ubriaco, Goodwin, Hannigan, Fashoway, Schmautz, Jones, Van Impe.

Referee, Vern Buffey; linesmen: Ed Downey, Mike Romanow.

FIRST PERIOD

Scoring: None.
Penalties: None.

SECOND PERIOD

1. Victoria, Blackburn (Sclisizzi) 9.44.
2. Victoria, Anderson 11.37.
3. Victoria, Anderson 15.05.
4. Victoria, Haworth (Nicholson) 14.44.

Penalties: Hay 5.19, 16.55, Victoria team penalty (served by Ford) 7.34, Hannigan 16.55.

THIRD PERIOD

5. Victoria, Nicholson (Kaiser, Ford) 12.52.
6. New Westminster, Matthews (Fashoway, Jones) 19.05.

Penalty: Nicholson 7.04.

Stops:

Pelletier	13	6	12	—31
Senior	13	8	12	—33

CALGARY 5, SEATTLE 4

Calgary—Goal, Edwards; defence, Hucul, Ward, Erickson, Robazza; forwards, Hicks, Dorohoy, Hay, Leopold, Jankowski Wilkie, Finney, Glover, D. Blair.

Seattle—Goal, Bentley; defence, Hunt, Sinclair, Arnett, Rimstad; forwards, Fillion, Fielder, Leonard, McVie, Howard, Chiupka, Fonteyne, Boileau, MacFarland.

Referee, Bing Juckes; linesmen, Joey Johns, Pete Wywrot.

FIRST PERIOD

1. Seattle, Fonteyne (Sinclair) 2.53.
2. Seattle, Fillon (Sinclair, MacFarland) 14.22

Penalties: Hay 1.52, Hunt 7.10, Hucul 8.17, Powers 10.02, Dorohoy 12.27, Arnett 12.27, 19.44, Boileau 17.57.

SECOND PERIOD

3. Calgary, Finney (Hay, Robazza) 14.16.
4. Calgary, Hay (Finney) 18.23.

Penalties: Hicks 6.42, Leonard 6.42, 14.31, Wilkie 14.51, Leopold 16.12, Dorohoy (10-minute misconduct) 16.12, (game misconduct) 19.04, MacFarland 17.22, Arnett 17.52, 19.21, Finney (10 minutes misconduct) 19.04.

THIRD PERIOD

5. Calgary, Jankowski (Erickson, Ward) 7.25.
6. Seattle, McVie (Sinclair, Fonteyne) 10.29.
7. Calgary, Jankowski (Blair) 13.28.
8. Seattle, Powers (Fielder, McVie) 15.12.

Penalties: Wilkie 4.00, Robazza 9.51, Arnett 19.37.

OVERTIME

9. Calgary, Finney (Wilkie, Hay) 1.16.

Stops:

Edwards	8	6	5	0	—19
Bentley	7	8	11	0	—26

WESTERN DIVISION	GP	W	L	T	F	A	Pts.
Seattle	56	31	22	3	217	175	65
Vancouver	53	22	22	9	180	161	53
Victoria	55	22	29	4	174	205	48
Spokane	55	21	29	5	172	213	47
N. Westminster	54	17	35	2	184	242	36

EASTERN DIVISION	GP	W	L	T	F	A	Pts.
Calgary	50	35	14	1	201	135	71
Edmonton	52	26	23	3	157	156	55
Saskatoon	49	23	23	3	158	157	49
Winnipeg	48	20	23	2	194	173	42

Last night—Calgary 5, Seattle 4; Victoria 5, New Westminster 1.
Tonight—Saskatoon at Winnipeg.

Everybody's All-Star

Ed Dorohoy In Landslide

SEATTLE (AP) — Centre Eddie Dorohoy and rookie goalkeeper Roy Edwards of Calgary Stampeders were unanimous choices of the Western Hockey League's prairie division all-star team, President Al Leader said Wednesday.

Each polled a maximum of 60 votes.

The Stampeders also placed defenceman Fred Hucul and leftwinger Lou Jankowski on the Prairie Division's all-star squad.

Jankowski shared left wing honors with Winnipeg's Gerry Brisson. Each polled 38 points in a vote by prairie hockey writers and broadcasters.

Also on the first team were defenceman Hugh Coflin of Edmonton and ageless right-winger Billy Mosienko of Winnipeg.

The players, along with two additional defencemen and seven forwards, will represent the prairie division in the annual WHL all-star game in Vancouver March 3.

Tony Leswick of the Flyers has been named coach, opposing the coast division all-stars, to be headed by Seattle's Keith Allen.

The coast team will be named Saturday.

Rounding out the prairie team are: defencemen Bud MacPherson of Edmonton and Don Ward of Calgary; centres Gerry Melnyk of Edmonton and Paul Masnick of Saskatoon; rightwingers Jackie McLeod of Saskatoon and Ron Leopold of Calgary; and leftwinger Don Poile of Edmonton. Murray Oliver of Edmonton has been selected as a utility player.

Alberni Spiel Opens With 40-Rink Entry

By JIM TANG
Colonist Sports Editor

ALBERNI—Play in the Alberni Valley Curling Club's seventh annual bonspiel started here yesterday with 40 rinks from Vancouver Island and the mainland vying for trophies in six separate events.

Competition was out to the 16s of the MacKenzie Trophy event, the No. 1 primary and its secondary, the Woodward event, going into the late draws last night.

Of the 40 rinks, 19 are from the host club and 21 from outside points, including eight from Victoria. Other rinks are from Vancouver, Chilliwack, Nanaimo, Duncan and Parksville.

All play yesterday was confined to the MacKenzie and Woodward events.

Wednesday results:

Paul Meinick, Port Alberni 12, Hugh Renfrew, Victoria 7; Jules Wenezenki, Port Alberni 6, Warren Paul, Port Alberni 5; Twin Brulotte, Port Alberni 11, Bryce Blake, Port Alberni 8; Harry Stirzaker, Port Alberni 12, Joe Lemmerick, Port Alberni 2.

Arden Brown, Vancouver 7, Grant, Port Alberni 3; George Watson, Port Alberni 6, Les Hobbs, Port Alberni 5; Gunnar Molander, Port Alberni 11, George Folkard, Port Alberni 9; Ed Price, Port Alberni 8, B. Antrim, Port Alberni 4.

Cec Hooper, Port Alberni 13, J. Gordon, Victoria 10; Agnar Bergman, Port Alberni 11, Frank Hunt, Port Alberni 4; Gene Koster, Nanaimo 10, Cyril Bell, Port Alberni 7; Jack Coates, Parksville 10, Gar Taylor, Victoria 6. Ben Britz, Chilliwack 10, George Morgan, Port Alberni 6; Sid Thomson, Victoria 11, Shorty Berkey, Duncan 2; Ivan Shillington, Victoria 8, Alex Schroh, Nanaimo 4; Gordon Heath, Chilliwack 12, Ed Filipchuk, Port Alberni 8.

Harry Gulka, Nanaimo 9, Gary Leibel, Victoria 8; Bill Morrow, Vancouver 9, Jim Tang, Victoria 8; Bob Fuller, Nanaimo 11, Annis Stukus, Vancouver 7; Bud Clift, Nanaimo 9, Bob Cummings, Port Alberni 8.

Jules Wenezenki, Port Alberni 9, Twin Brulotte, Port Alberni 6; Harry Stirzaker, Port Alberni 11, Paul Meinick, Port Alberni 3; Warren Paul, Port Alberni 10, Bryce Blake, Port Alberni 3; Hugh Renfrew, Victoria 11, Joe Lemmerick, Port Alberni 10.

$75 Fines For Flyers

EDMONTON (CP)—General manager Bud Poile said Wednesday he is fining members of the Edmonton Flyers $75 apiece for their Winnipeg performance Monday night when they lost 11-0 to the Warriors.

"A thing like this is a disgrace to professional hockey," he said. "They (the Flyers) have an obligation to the fans, regardless of what city they are playing in," Poile added.

The loss was the worst suffered by the Flyers since they moved into professional hockey more than seven years ago.

Persistent Steelie Strikes Three Times

DUNCAN (Special)—This is the story of a fish that got away — then came back twice and finally wound up in the frying pan.

Walt McNeeley and Murray Davidson, both of Duncan, went fishing at Skutz Falls, a few miles west of here, on the last two weekends. The first time out, McNeeley hooked a six and one-half pound steelhead and played it for 15 minutes before the fish twisted free.

Davidson was fishing alongside and a short time later hooked what both anglers agree to be the same fish. He played it for another 15 minutes and again it wiggled free, this time taking the hook and lure with it.

Last weekend they went back, and McNeeley got a strike. He played the fish for an hour and a quarter, landed it, and found it to be that same persistent steelhead, still toting the hook and lure from the previous weekend.

Remember When:

James J. Corbett, hailed as the boxing ring's master strategist, died 26 years ago Tuesday at his home in New York. He had stunned the sports world in 1892 by knocking out heavyweight champion John L. Sullivan

Sonny Liston Halts Dejohn

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Bull-shouldered Charles (Sonny) Liston of Philadelphia added Mike Dejohn of Syracuse, N.Y., to his list of victims Wednesday night with a technical knockout at 2.43 of the sixth round.

Liston, weighing 209¼ pounds, used a left jab to the face to advantage and piled up points early in the televised fight. Then he opened up in the fifth and sixth rounds, hammering Dejohn's head and body with left hooks and right crosses.

FAN FARE By Walt Ditzen

Edmonton, Seattle Enter Ladies' Rinks

A record entry of 40 rinks will begin play Friday at the Victoria Curling Club in the sixth annual ladies' bonspiel.

Included in the entry are two rinks from Seattle and a rink from Edmonton.

Vancouver's zone champion rinks, skipped by Miss Joy McLellan and Miss Irene Frazer, will take part in the bonspiel along with five other rinks from Vancouver.

Victoria's ladies' curling club has 24 rinks entered with rinks from Chilliwack, Nanaimo and Duncan completing the entry.

Friday's draw:

3 p.m.—I. Walkey, Vic vs. G. Sheeky, Van.; M. Merryweather, Vic. vs. E. MacDonald, Vic.; E. Miller, Van. vs. F. Tarvis, Vic.; L. Dunn, Vic. vs. A. Fuller, Duncan; S. Koster, Nanaimo, vs. E. Harding, Vic.; D. Fraser, Vic. vs. F. Martin, Vic.; T. Clarke, Vic. vs. R. Jackson, Vic.; D. Mather, Vic. vs. E. Holt, Van.

5.15 p.m.—B. Stubbs, Vic. vs. M. Webb, Vic; J. McLellan, Van. vs. A. Bowman, Chilliwack; A. McKibben, Vic. vs. E. McKenzie, Van.; A. Sutherland, Van. vs. M. McKay, Vic.; C. Leander, Edmonton vs. A. Isaacs, Capilano; M. McGillivray, Vic. vs. S. Steuart, Vic.; V. LeRoy, Vic. vs. A. Stradeski, Vic; M. Sturrock, Vic. vs. M. Bradley.

7.30 p.m.—D. Fiss, Nanaimo vs. D. Stephens, Seattle; Strathcona Cafe, Vic. vs. G. McLure, Vic.; P. McRae, Seattle vs. I. Fraser, Van.; J. Perlette, Vic. vs. Winner D. Woltan, Vic.; I. Walkey, Vic. vs. A. Fuller, Duncan; E. MacDonald, Vic. vs. R. Jackson, Vic.; E. Miller, Van. vs. F. Martin, Vic.; F. Tarvis, Vic. vs. E. Holt, Van.

9.45 p.m.—Sutherland, Van. vs. M. Sturrock, Vic.; LeRoy, Vic. vs. S. Steuart, Vic.; McRae, Seattle, vs. M. Webb, Vic; J. McLellan, Van vs. A. Dunn, Vic.; J. Perlette, Vic. vs. C. Leander, Edmonton; G. McLure, Vic. vs. M. McGillivray, Vic.; A. Stredeski, Vic. vs. B. Stubbs, Vic; M. Merryweather, Vic. vs. A. Isaacs, Van.

12 midnight—D. Fiss, Nanaimo vs. S. Koster, Nanaimo; I. Fraser, Van. vs. D. Fraser, Vic.; D. Stephens, Seattle vs. E. MacKenzie, Van.; E. Harding, Vic. vs. M. McKay, Vic.; A. Bowman, Chilliwack vs. M. Bradley, Vic.; A. McKibben, Vic. vs. T. Clarke, Vic.; Strathcona Cafe, Vic. vs. G. Skeeky, Van.; D. Walton, Vic. vs. D. Mather, Vic.

Yanks Sign Two

NEW YORK (AP) — The Yankees signed infielder Bobby Richardson and Cletus Boyer Saturday. The two put Yankees past the halfway mark in 1959 signings with 21 of 41 players under contract.

Clippers' Overtime Victory Gives Them Coy Cup Lead

Nanaimo Clippers, fuming over what they considered barefaced robbery in regulation time, took just 33 seconds of overtime to settle last night's Coy Cup hockey playoff, edging Navy, 6-5 on a goal by Don Smith.

A crowd of 1,456, largest amateur hockey turnout of the season at Memorial Arena, saw Smith beat goalie Jim Rutherford with a hard shot to send the Clippers ahead, 2-1, in the best-of-five series. But as far as the crowd was concerned, the goal was anticlimatic.

Clippers, with a 5-3 lead late in the third period appeared to have it made against a disorganized bunch of sailors. Then Neil Standley scored at 17.28 to move Navy within a single goal.

LATE BLAST

That one woke up the Sailors, and John Morris sent the game into overtime with a goal that came just as the final horn had sounded. It went into the books as being scored at 19.59, because referee Ross Valliere did not have time to blow his whistle to indicate the end of the game.

Clippers, to put it mildly, were miffed. Defenceman Red Wilgress stormed to the scorer's bench, fists swinging. Nanaimo players surounded Valliere, screaming that the horn had sounded as the shot was fired.

However the game doesn't end until the referee's whistle blows, and in that fraction of time while Valliere was puckering up, Morris scored.

TWO EACH

Smith and Bill Simms each scored twice for the Clippers. Lou Shreenan and Willgress got the other goals. Morris had two for Navy, with single goals going to Standley, Johnny Bond and Joe Tanner.

Clippers were down to just two lines through the third period, but the Sailors failed to use their superior manpower to advantage, and Nanaimo dominated most of the period and the ensuing 10-minute overtime session.

Fourth game of the series will be played Saturday in Nanaimo.

FIRST PERIOD

1. Nanaimo, Simms (Sutherland, Robinson) 11.00.
2. Navy, Bond (Tanner, Uhren) 11.17.

Penalties: Tanner 1.08, Christiaens 1.49, 7.55, Willgress 2.14, Shreenan 3.05, Dugan 4.05.

SECOND PERIOD

3. Navy, Tanner (Gill) 7.49.
4. Nanaimo, Shreenan (Robinson) 10.31.
5. Nanaimo, Simms (Shreenan) 16.36.
6. Navy, Morris (Gill) 18.01.

Penalties: Christiaens 14.37, Piensky 18.21, Furlan 19.55.

THIRD PERIOD

7. Nanaimo, Willgress (Berry, Sutherland) 7.59.
8. Nanaimo, Smith (Dugan, Dumont) 13.15.
9. Navy, Standley (Morris) 17.28.
10. Navy, Morris (Uhren) 19.59.

Penalties: Furlan 5.29, Piensky 11.06, McLeod 11.06, Bond 14.05.

OVERTIME

12. Nanaimo, Smith (Dugan, Dumont) 33.

Penalty: Christiaens 4.51.

Stops:

Rutherford	18	13	8	5	—44
Lumley	14	16	11	5	—46

Alberta Rink Upset By Quebec Foursome

STANDINGS

	G	W	L
Northern Ontario	6	5	1
Alberta	5	4	1
Quebec	6	4	2
Ontario	5	3	2
New Brunswick	5	3	2
Prince Edward Island	6	3	3
Saskatchewan	6	3	3
Manitoba	5	2	3
Nova Scotia	5	2	3
British Columbia	6	1	5
Newfoundland	5	0	5

CALGARY (CP)—Quebec, a vastly under-rated rink from Val D'Or, pulled the upset of the Canadian high school curling championships Wednesday night, beating Alberta 10-7 in sixth round play.

Skipped by Byron Coulter, Quebec played a steady game and refused to fold under tremendous pressure built up as the game progressed. Johnny Trout's Edmonton foursome conceded the last end after the Quebec third took out the third-last Alberta rock.

The Alberta loss, coupled with an 11-6 Northern Ontario victory over Newfoundland, put Tom Tod's Fort William rink in first place with five wins in six games. Alberta, with a 4-1 record, has played one game less.

In other sixth-round games, Prince Edward Island beat Nova Scotia, 17-7; Manitoba downed British Columbia, 10-5, and Saskatchewan picked up its second win of the day, defeating Ontario, 8-4.

The Quebec rink, which had lost its first two games, has moved into third spot with four wins, a game up on Ontario and New Brunswick, who have three wins but have played one game less.

SIXTH ROUND

P.E.I.	030	404	501	0—17
Nova Scotia	101	020	010	2— 7
Manitoba	202	010	301	1—10
B.C.	010	102	010	0— 5
Newfoundland	020	100	200	1— 6
N. Ont.	201	042	011	0—11
Quebec	030	022	102	x—10
Alberta	102	300	010	x— 7
Ontario	010	110	000	1— 4
Saskatchewan	201	002	111	0— 8

FIFTH ROUND

Quebec	104	034	010	2—17
Newfoundland	010	100	201	0— 5
British Columbia	010	100	201	2— 7
Saskatchewan	301	025	030	0—13
Ontario	110	010	014	x— 8
Prince Edward Island	001	102	020	x— 6
New Brunswick	011	010	100	2— 6
Nova Scotia	300	301	001	0—13
Manitoba	101	300	000	1— 6
Northern Ontario	020	020	112	0— 8

Maroons Win Bantam Semi

Maroons defeated Senators, 11-5, Tuesday at Memorial Arena in a sudden-death bantam division semi-final hockey playoff game.

Maroons now meet winner of the Capitals-Royals series in a two-game, total-point series for the city championship.

Scorers:

Maroons—Paul Bion, 6, Harvey Stevenson 3, John Errington, Larry McCann.

Senators—Ken Ward, Mike McAvoy, Richard Glendinning, Chris McLean, Fred Kroening.

VIEWS of SPORT

By Red Smith

Two communications have been received from a favorite correspondent, Mr. Archie Moore, each bearing a different incorrect address, which may account for delays in delivery. The first, dated Jan. 4, is in the handwriting of the old Mongoose himself, on letterhead left over from Archie's heavyweight title fight with Floyd Patterson in 1956. The other, composed somewhat later, is typewritten on the sort of copy paper available in any newspaper office. Both deal with the same subject in almost identical language.

Evidently the bearded patriach of the light-heavyweight division passed the holiday season analyzing critical response to his wonderful war with Yvon Durelle in December. Then he took pen in hand and typewriter on knee, with these results:

"I enjoyed your review of my little session with Durelle. You seemed pleased by the fight, which makes me very happy. I was a little perplexed—perplexed, not vexed, mind—by one of your statements in the piece. Actually, it was more of a question than a statement. It went something like this (a friend borrowed my scrapbook or I'd have it verbatim): What would Harold Johnson or Tony Anthony have done if they'd had Arch in the kind of trouble Durelle had him in at Montreal?.

Both Counter Punchers

"Now, you know better than to ask that sort of question. You are perhaps aware that Timid Tony and Careful Johnson, especially the latter, are incurable counter punchers. Neither would lead in a parade, let alone catch me cold like Durelle did, as I'd have to do all the fighting to keep us both warm.

"Harold and Tony are both 'thinkers' in the ring. (Maybe I spelled that word wrong, considering what Rueben Vargas did to Anthony.) Anyhow, these two are little like Hamlet: Both are full of ideas but both are loath to make a decision. This makes them easy for me to analyze before they make a move.

"When I know what a guy wants to do to me, you can believe I'm going to see to it they don't accomplish their purpose. Durelle is another breed. He's like my old friend, Rocky Marciano. You can feint Yvon or Rocky all night, they wouldn't even blink. They wouldn't realize what your intentions were.

"Frankly, it's very frustrating for me to fight a Durelle or a Marciano. This type fighter makes you forget all about standard proceedure. Therein lies the ingredients of the great performance.

"So please don't grow gray hairs worrying about Johnson, or Anthony Adverse, for that matter. It's not this old gray head they respect, it's this old gray fist.

Amateurs Give Trouble

"While I find Durelle's boxing ignorance destressing, just as Rocky's was, I must admit that their type fighter constitutes a real menace to me.

"I don't believe there's anyone around who can out-guess me in boxing. Patterson beat me because I was in no condition to fight him. I'd like to get a chance to prove that some day. No, the fighter who gives me a bad time is not the guy who knows more but the one who boxes likes an amateur.

"Don't concern yourself with Anthony or Johnson. True, either would probably beat Durelle, but I'd have an easier time with Harold or Tony than I would with Yvon. Durelle troubles me not because he is clever but because he isn't.

"I know what the average boxer is going to do a round before he does it. I never know what Durelle is going to do because I wouldn't be caught dead making any move he makes. His lack of finesse is abhorrent to me.

"But there is one thing about Durelle that I dearly love. The man puts the people into the arena, and he never makes a bad fight. I am looking forward to mining some more of that Canadian gold in Montreal next summer, and I hope you'll be on hand.

"If you'll come, I'll do my best to give you some good copy. Us old guys must stick together.

"Your Friend,

"DER MONGOOSE."